Chief Minister and eight others as Ministers. It was good for him to have been so ably assisted by Sri Reddy and his colleagues during the four-and-half years of their office in the discharge of my duties. I have never done, at any time ~~of my association~~ with Sri Reddy, anything unconstitutional and unfair. We got on well. We held and kept no secrets. I gave all of my experience to help them and it was greatly appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. There was no personal rancour. Such was the harmony and goodwill that had developed here. I have referred to this point because my story starts with the advent of Mr. P. Kala Venkataiya and his colleagues into power in Mysore in March 1962. Everything went on as usual for the first few weeks. But towards the close of June-July, a series of events began to take place, on the political as also on the personal plane, that has led gradually to the development of bitter and acrimonious bickerings in the public life of the State. It was from July 1962 that my relations with the Chief Minister began to get strained.

Public affairs in Mysore having been exercising a good deal of agitation in the minds of the people of this State, and in order to keep you fully aware of happenings here, I am writing this letter. I consider it my duty as Constitutional Head of the State to keep you completely informed of events as they have been happening in Mysore. The only consideration which has restrained me till now is

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THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

September 21, 1931.

Confidential.

I have been hesitating for a long time to write this confidential and secret letter to you: because it was my earnest hope that certain matters which affect deeply the public life of this State would set themselves right, thus saving all concerned the trouble that will ensue if they did not. Regrettably, incidents have not ceased to multiply and as your representative and Constitutional Head of the State of Mysore, I am compelled to place the following facts for your personal consideration. It is with the deepest regret that I do so, because I feel I can no longer try to keep from you the very trying and delicate position in which I find myself.

Mysore has had, and is still said to have, until very recently, the reputation of being a Model State. Going back to the days when the British returned the State to its lawful rulers in 1881, a step was then taken to associate the peoples' wishes with the Government of the country which resulted in the establishment of the Representative Assembly as early as 1881. At the time of its, and for some time, the system of associating non-official representation was good as, subject to the grant of full Responsible Government in October 1947 - with all [illegible]